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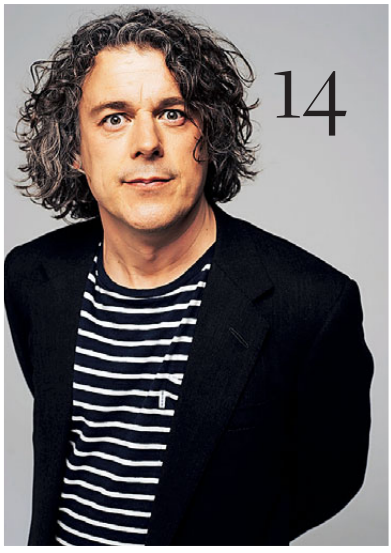

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Letter from the EDITOR

Have you ever seen a house and instantly just thought 'wow'? That's what happened to me when I saw the shots of this month's reader's home. My main focus in life now is to locate, acquire and accommodate a silver freestanding bath, and spend as much time in it as possible. Until then, I'll just admire the pictures and dream… Have a look for yourself on page 32. Elsewhere in our interiors section, there's a four-page guide to designing the perfect bedroom. Whether you want to create a beautiful boudoir or haven of tranquillity, there are suggestions and buys to suit every taste. We've also taken a look at some of the fantastic wallpapers around this season – banish images of floral borders and clashing colours, and think instead of stylish palm-prints and intense tones. See page 20.

Also this month, we spoke to the lovely Alan Davies, who is bringing his brand-new stand-up show to Richmond Theatre. Perhaps best known for his work on television, in *QI* and *Jonathan Creek*, his new stand-up offers fans a peek into his private life, and promises to provide laughs-a-plenty. Find out more on page 14.

Another thing we can recommend this month is a trip to The Bingham to sample their new 'mystery menu'. Not only is this beautiful riverside hotel restaurant a gorgeous place to spend time, but the luxury of not having to choose what to eat, and just having it brought to you instead, is incredibly exciting. Book a table and let us know how you get on!

Vicky

Vicky Smith, Editor

Make bedtime beautiful with the best luxurious night wear and accessories

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Words VICKY SMITH

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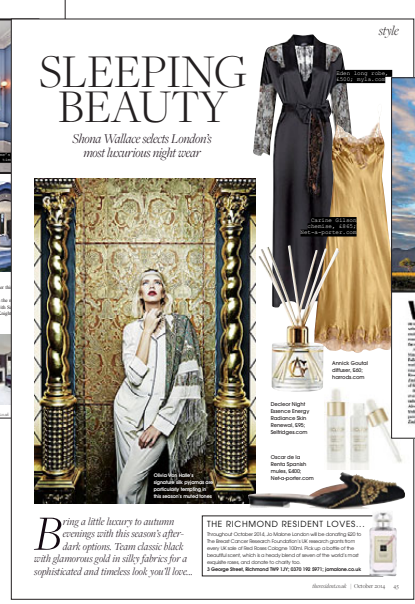

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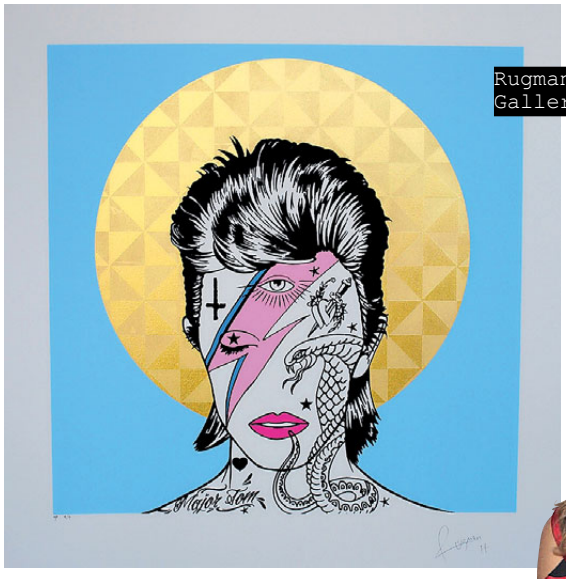

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WINNING *STREAK*

Alan Davies brings Little Victories – his brand-new stand-up show – to Richmond Theatre this month

BY WILL GORE

My phone interview with Alan Davies gets off to a slow start. While we begin our chat about his new touring show, *Little Victories*, he's also having to deal with the fact his three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter are climbing all over him. 'My daughter wants to play on the iPad when I'm on the phone but my wife has zero tolerance of screen time for four-year-olds,' he confides, before momentarily breaking away to whisk the kids off to bed.

This domestic scenario is an appropriate starting point to our conversation as Alan, now aged 48, has brought a personal touch to his stand-up in recent years. After a 12-year absence from the comedy circuit, his 2012 show, *Life is Pain*, touched on family tragedy and his experience of being a parent to two young children. *Little Victories* returns to this personal territory with Alan continuing to mine his current family life for laughs and look back on his own Essex childhood.

'The 'little victories' refers to me trying to get one over on my dad when I was a kid and there is a fair bit about me being a dad in there too, so if you've been a parent or a son, been to school or had sex with anyone then there will be something for you in the show,' he says. 'I'm a bit older now and I think I should be talking about stuff that matters to me and matters to other people. If I was doing the material I was doing in my 20s now, it would be a bit tragic.'

Little Victories refers to me trying to get one over on my dad when I was a kid

Despite this talk of personal material and discussing 'stuff that matters', making people laugh is still very much at the forefront of his thinking. It would, after all, be a major problem for his comedy act, which relies on a simple observational style, if it wasn't. 'It's not a misery memoir,' he assures me. And, as if to prove it, he adds that the 'last 15 minutes is largely just scatological filth.' His advice for fans of less cerebral comedy is to 'just hang in there' for this final section.

Alan is quietly spoken and self-deprecating, and, unsurprisingly, often very funny. And, at odds with the clownish image he's developed as a foil to Stephen Fry's smartarse on panel show *QI*, he also comes across as a thoughtful man. He tells me that many of the *QI* fans who tend to pack out his shows are often surprised by the Alan Davies they are met with on stage. '*QI* has a very broad appeal and some people come to see me having not even realised I was a stand-up. The audience has to metaphorically adjust their set if they think it's going to be like *QI* and I'm hoping it will be funnier, but it is me on my own so it might not be,' he adds, with a rye chuckle.

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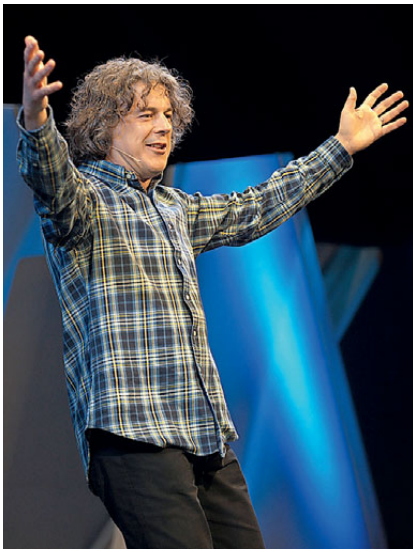
late 1980s and not only went on to find fame on *QI* but also as the star of the phenomenally successful BBC detective series *Jonathan Creek*. That show first appeared in 1997, with the latest series airing earlier this year. Although it has been a huge hit, he recently bemoaned both cuts to the production budget and the fact that filming played havoc with his family life. He says, by contrast, touring a comedy show allows him to spend plenty of time with his wife and kids at their north London home. He groups his tours into three show bursts and always tries to make it back to his own bed after a performance. What's not so easy is dealing with the fact life on the road isn't very adaptable when it comes to watching his beloved Arsenal.

'The theatres get booked before the fixtures come out and what kills me at the moment is that they are moving some of our games to 5.30pm on a Saturday, and I can't get anywhere to do a gig leaving the ground at 7.30pm,' he explains. 'Already this year I'm going to miss home games against Manchester United and Tottenham.' Has he ever missed a performance to watch the Gunners? 'Yes', he admits. 'Once when I was doing a play I sent the understudy on and went to Highbury to watch Arsenal play United, which was completely unprofessional. They drew and United ended up winning the league so I sort of wish I had done the play.'

Richmond Theatre is the perfect-sized venue for comedy

The Richmond Theatre stop on the *Little Victories* tour won't be the first time Alan has played a venue that he describes as being the 'perfect size for comedy.' Coming back to the borough also stirs memories of his initial forays into stand-up. Back in the early days of his career he appeared at the magnificent Bearcat Comedy Club in St Margaret's and it was here that one of his oddest comedy experiences occurred. 'During one performance someone at the back started baahing like a sheep. I thought of something to say but they didn't respond and just kept doing it and eventually I just had to go off,' he says, er, rather sheepishly. 'Getting baahed off was a totally new and once only experience. Maybe it was actually a sheep.'

He can rest assured that his Richmond audience, whether they be human or farmyard animal, are likely to be far more welcoming this time around.



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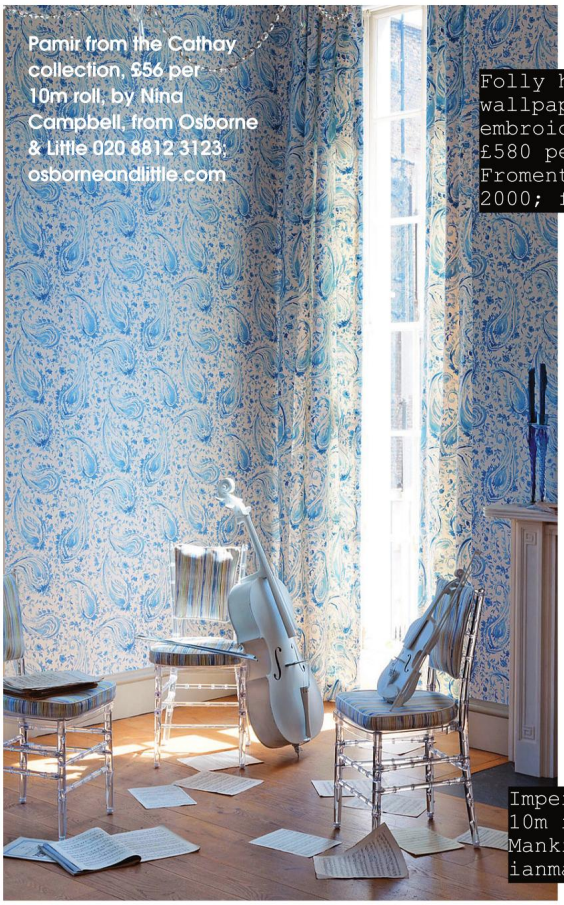

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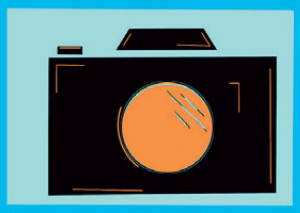

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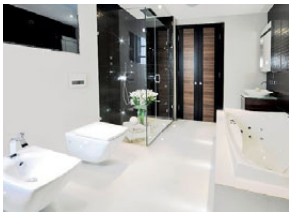

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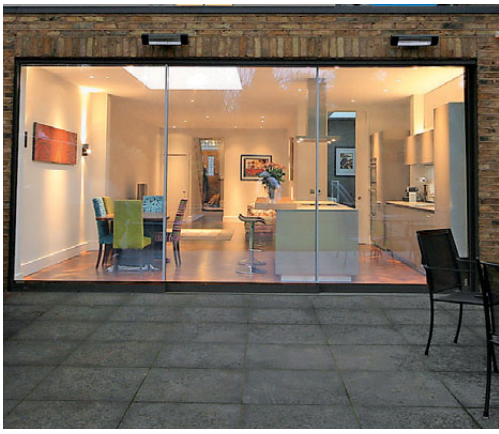

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BEDROOM *BLISS*

Design guru Kit Kemp on the secrets of designing a boutique hotel style bedroom

Story KARA O'REILLY

During her years as Design Director of boutique hotel brand, Firmdale Hotels, Kit Kemp has designed hundreds of bedrooms and her room schemes are a good place to start if you are seeking inspiration for your own bedroom. Here she guides us through the key things to think about:

FIRST THINGS FIRST
Look at the aspect of the room and think about what you want to achieve with the space. It's always a good idea to make a scrapbook of pictures of rooms that you love; once you put a few together, you will see they tell a story – whether it's that you like Turkish rugs or that you prefer more architectural clean lines.

THE WALLS
I like to fabric-line walls. It gives a tailored, yet more comforting feel than paint or wallpaper and lasts very well.

WINDOWS
Most light in a bedroom comes in through the top of the window. I hate net curtains, so if you need privacy, use roller blinds, which you can then team with curtains. ›

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PATTERN
If you are not confident about colour or prints, a simple rule of thumb is to keep the outside of the room – the curtains and walls, for example – plainer and add in pattern with smaller items such as an upholstered chair or a few cushions.

LIGHTING
I put everything on dimmer switches – you want bedrooms to feel cosy in the evenings. Try to choose lights and lampshades that allow a soft golden glow through them, it creates a much more romantic feel.

THE BED
I like to make the most of the bed, so I tend to choose high beds that you have to climb into, teamed with a high headboard. It can take a bit of getting used to and you will need a deeper valance, but it has the benefit of being able to hide storage under or in the bed base if you are tight for room. ›

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QUICK FIX

If you can only do one thing, change the carpet or rug. A lighter carpet instantly freshens up a room and the master bedroom is one of the few rooms in a house that you can use a lighter colour and a thicker pile. I go for a berber or loop-pile wool over velvet-pile. You can't beat John Lewis for a good range. (firmdalehotels.com)

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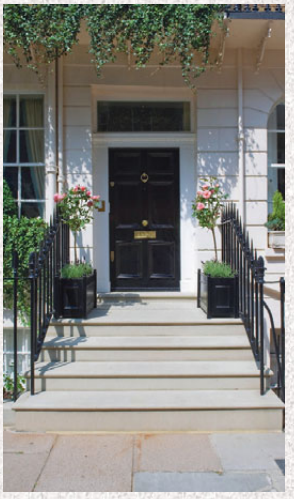

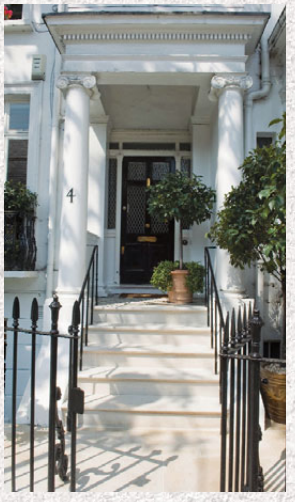

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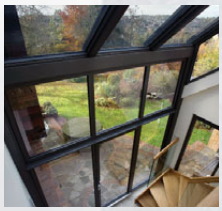

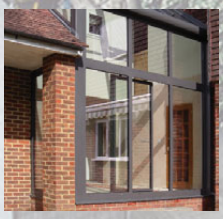

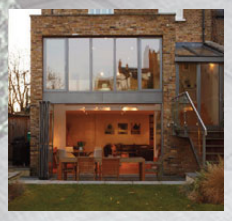

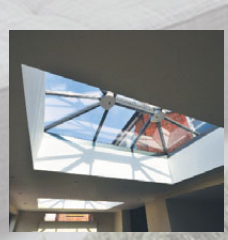

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The Old Vicarage has been transformed into a family home for the first time

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

Find out how interior designer Caroline Diamond overhauled an old vicarage in Twickenham to create a landmark family home

Words VICKY SMITH

Who lives in the house?
Myself and my husband, Robert, our four children, our housekeeper, Dolores, Rio the dog and Luka the cat.

What is the property's history?
It was built in 1881 as a vicarage for St Stephen's Church. We bought the property from the Anglican Archdiocese of London in 2009 and converted it into a family home for the first time.

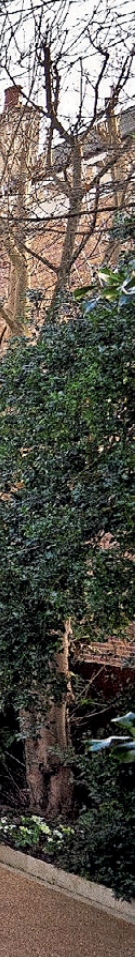
What condition was it in?
The whole house needed a complete refurbishment both inside and out.

How did you do this?
We brought the property up to date by replacing all the pipes, electrics, drainage and roof. We then reconfigured the layout from a 'rabbit warren' of rooms and corridors to provide balanced reception and bathroom spaces, as well as adding a new roof and drainage. We replaced the rear garage and shed with a large kitchen and dining area that flowed seamlessly into the original footprint of the house, and added a formal driveway plus car and pedestrian gates.

The master bedroom suite is truly decadent, and feels like a suite at the Lanesborough

Tell us about the 'look' you wanted to achieve with the interiors?
I am an interior designer so the design is my work. I love mixing contemporary and classical design and wanted the house to have a timeless glamour to it. To that end, I blended all the original shutters, cornicing, staircase and facade with marble fireplaces, parquet flooring and antique Italian chandeliers to provide a classical context with luxurious modern furniture, wall finishes and artwork to provide a contemporary edge.

Did you source anything locally?
We used a variety of places. The kitchen is a Hacker kitchen from Lucy Alexander in Sheen. All the sofas were made to measure by the Sofa and Chair



The home's interiors have a timeless glamour

Lots of natural light floods the ground floor, creating an airy feel

The rear extension is used as a stylish dining area

Company in Acton. The children's furniture came from Chic Shack in Putney. And we spent lots of time at the Chelsea Design Centre and various antiques markets, especially Kempton, for finishes.

How long did the project take?
It took 18 months in total to overhaul the house, including a new roof, plumbing and electrics, the new kitchen extension at the rear of the property and the landscaping of the driveway and the garden.

What do you feel is the property's biggest selling point?
My favourite room is the master bedroom suite. It is truly decadent, encompassing one whole half of the first floor with an equally large bedroom, dressing room and bathroom. The full height double doors, silk carpet and marble bathroom makes me feel like I am walking into a suite at the Lanesborough Hotel each time I walk in!

What do you like about the home's location?
The Old Vicarage is nestled in a crook of the Thames, just moments from Richmond Bridge and the stunning stately home of Marble Hill. Being surrounded by trees, the location has the peace and beauty of the countryside while being minutes away from the action of Richmond and Central London.

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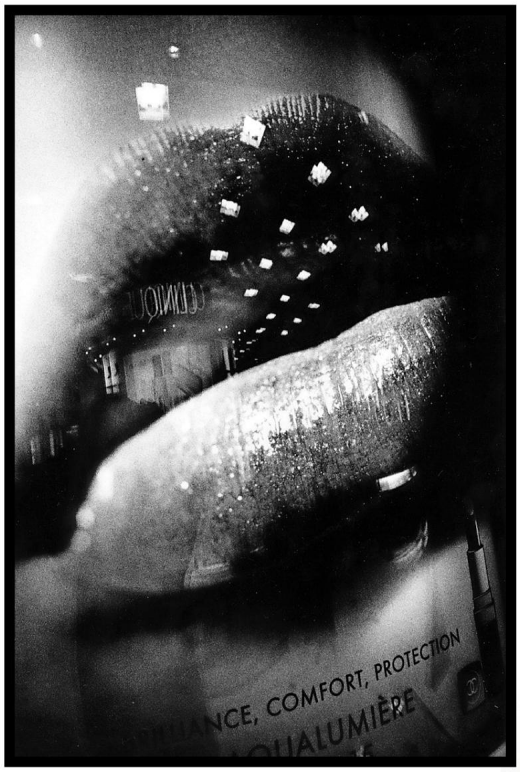

LIMITED EDITIONS

Murray Macaulay, Print Specialist at Christie's, offers insider-advice for first-time art buyers, and tells us who to look out for at Multiplied Art Fair 2014

Murray Macaulay

What can visitors expect from Multiplied?

Multiplied is the UK's only contemporary editions fair, and what that means is we focus on art made in editions, but we're not a print fair or a photography fair. We include prints, photographs, multiples, 3D printing, digital art and artists books.

Are there any pieces you are excited about?

There's a French publisher called LN Edition which does really sophisticated 3D multiples, and she represents an artist called Tsuyu, who does very beautiful paper 3D hanging pieces.

When it comes to buying art, what's the benefit of something like Multiplied versus an auction?

I think Multiplied gives you the chance to buy the work of an artist while they are still unknown. I believe that's a real advantage. When things get to auction, they have been publicised a great deal. Multiplied will give you the chance to see work by artists that you won't usually see in auctions. Just seeing new art – some of it may be collectable, and some of it may not, but that's the nature of buying contemporary art.

What advice would you give to someone taking a chance on an emerging artist?

I think you just have to be clear about your criterion. If you're buying work by a young graduate, you can only assess based on the quality of the work. If you're really looking to buy work for investment, then it's a good idea to aim for an artist who is represented by a good up-and-coming gallery who will be committed to that artist. Other things to look out for are reviews, and publications writing about 'the ones to watch'. Try to be informed.

What would be a realistic starter budget for Multiplied?

There will be work available in the £200 to £500 bracket, but the majority of works will be in the £1,000 to £5,000 bracket.

What would be your ideal piece of art?

I think I would probably be tempted by an Old Master print. I am a great fan of Rembrandt and Dürer. I would probably go for Adam and Eve by Dürer.

What's your best advice for someone buying art for the first time?

Buy with your heart. You can get a little weighed down with the idea of investment, and I think the best choices are made subjectively. Ultimately, art is something that is going to hang on your wall – otherwise it would be like buying a fast car and not driving it. You need to buy art that you want and appreciate.

Multiplied Art Fair, 17-20 October will take place at Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road SW7 3LD; christies.com/multiplied

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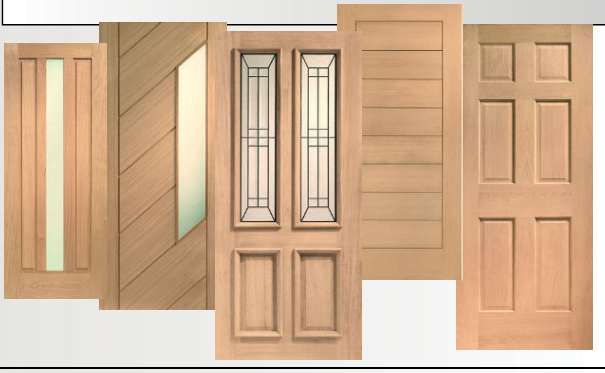

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There are no dreaded 'concepts'. There aren't even any pictures on the wall

Not that chef proprietor Fergus Henderson (along with his business partner Trevor Gulliver) subscribes to anything as crass as a 'philosophy'. There are no dreaded 'concepts' either. There aren't even any pictures on the wall. Never have been. No, St John is a great champion of simple, unembellished but consistently excellent food.

St John is also an iconic modern London restaurant. Not just for its quietly modest championing of modern British food, but also for the great Diaspora of talent cooked up in its kitchens. Tom Pemberton at West London's wonderful Hereford Road; Jonathan Jones, of Waterloo's ever brilliant Anchor and Hope, a proper pub with food that continues to delight; James Lowe at much lauded Lyle's in Shoreditch. And ex-pastry maestro, Justin Piers Gellatly, at Bread Ahead bakery in Borough.

It's not just the pan shakers, but the front of house too. Original partner John Spiteri, one of the great modern maitre d's, whose charm, skill and diplomacy have opened restaurants from Le Café Anglais to Quo Vadis. Plus Thomas Blythe, hirsute and heroic in his expert dealing with every kind of punter. There are few restaurants with this sort of clout.

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FOOD *NOTEBOOK*

Emily Manson's local foodie news

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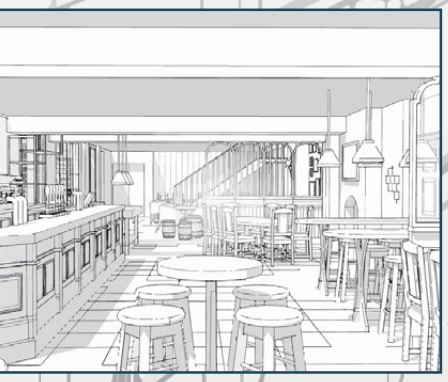

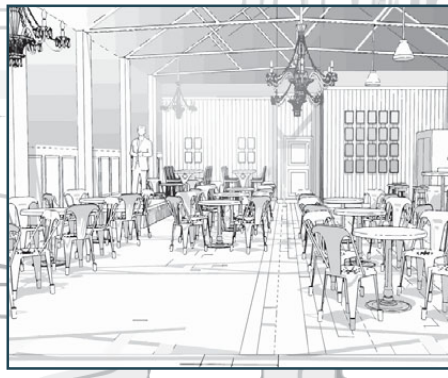

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THE BINGHAM

Words VICKY SMITH

Dishes at The Bingham are as beautiful as they are mouth-watering

When Mark Jarvis took over the kitchen at The Bingham a little over a year ago, it was with an impressive armoury of experience. With stints at restaurants such as Texture, Zuma and Le Manior aux Quat'Saisons under his belt, there was no doubt he'd be bringing something extra special to this beautiful riverside restaurant. His latest offering is a Mystery Menu, which does exactly what the name suggests – a series of surprise dishes tailored only to any allergic/dietary requirements. The idea, says Mark, is to 'take guests out of their comfort zone'. Although for a fussy eater it might sound like a worst nightmare come true, it's a fantastic concept that ensures you get the most out of a kitchen that's brimming with bright ideas and big flavours. The only thing you can be certain of is that dishes will be created using only the finest, locally-sourced, seasonal and sustainable ingredients. The rest is anybody's guess.

As well as surprise dishes, you can have drinks paired with each course too. But don't expect the expected here either – our starter of gazpacho with compressed cucumber, radish and black olive crumble came with a shot of icy vodka, which transformed the vibrant soup into a fun take on a Bloody Mary. Next up, ruby cubes of raw tuna and watermelon with ponzu dressing, adorned with edible flowers and a glass of Riesling. What followed were a selection of dishes featuring some first-rate game, fois gras, truffles, and a whole lot more besides, but I won't say too much for fear of spoiling the surprise!

Aside from the food and wine, service at The Bingham is consistently brilliant, which made the evening feel even more special. None of the dishes are there to shock or challenge diners, but to introduce flavours and combinations they perhaps wouldn't have ordered otherwise. A brilliant evening for lovers of food, wine and fabulous times.

COST
The Mystery Menu starts at £35 per person, drinks pairings are extra

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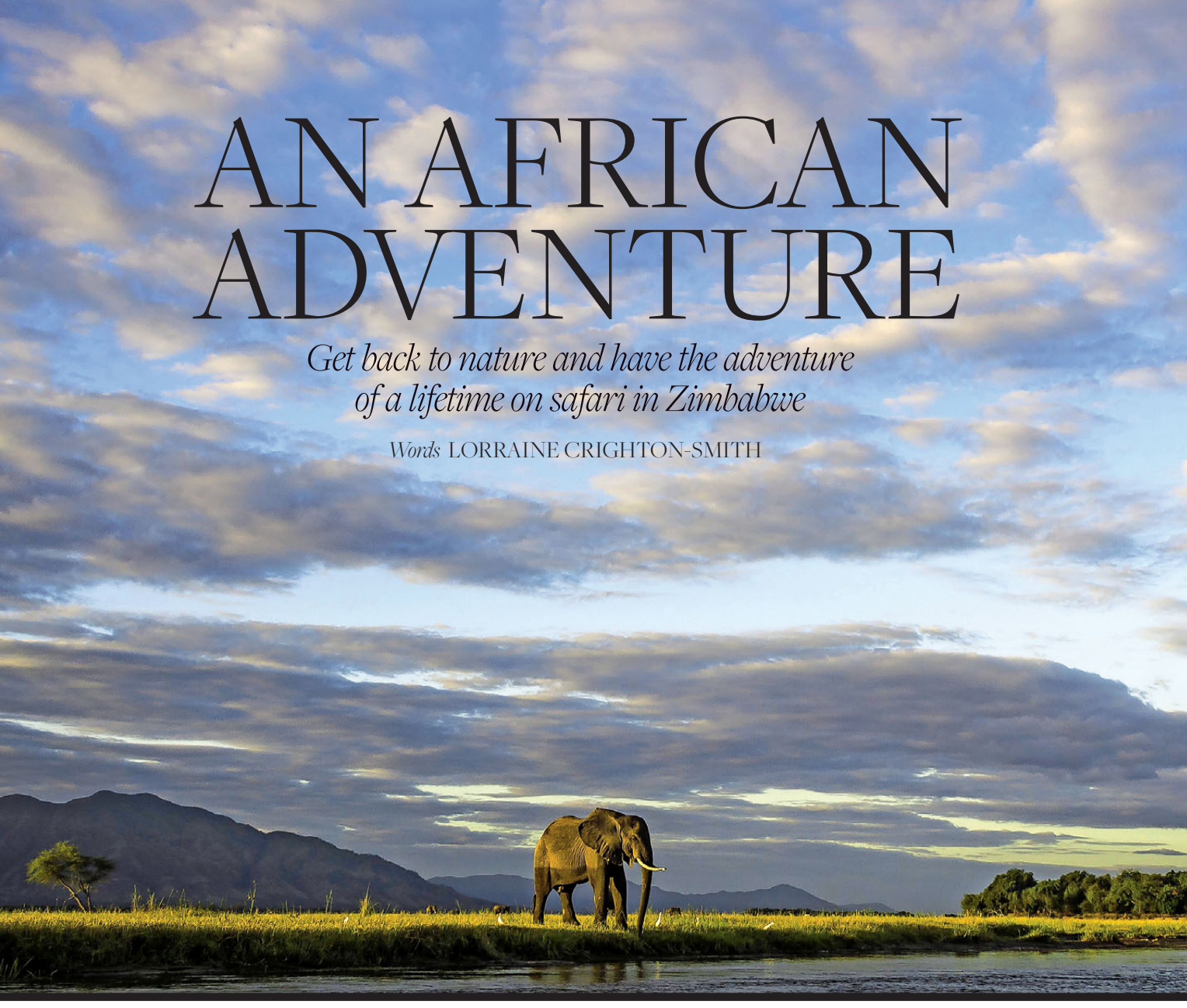


AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Get back to nature and have the adventure of a lifetime on safari in Zimbabwe

Words LORRAINE CRIGHTON-SMITH

Warthogs, running around at Africa Albida's Victoria Falls Safari Club, were the first animals we saw on safari in Zimbabwe. As newcomers to safari holidays, we were giddy with excitment at having seen an exotic animal roaming freely. Little did we know what the rest of Zimbabwe had in store.

After a warm welcome from General Manager Jonathan Hudson at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, we paid a visit to the world famous Victoria Falls. This magnificent waterfall on the Zambezi River at the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe is one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and understandably so.

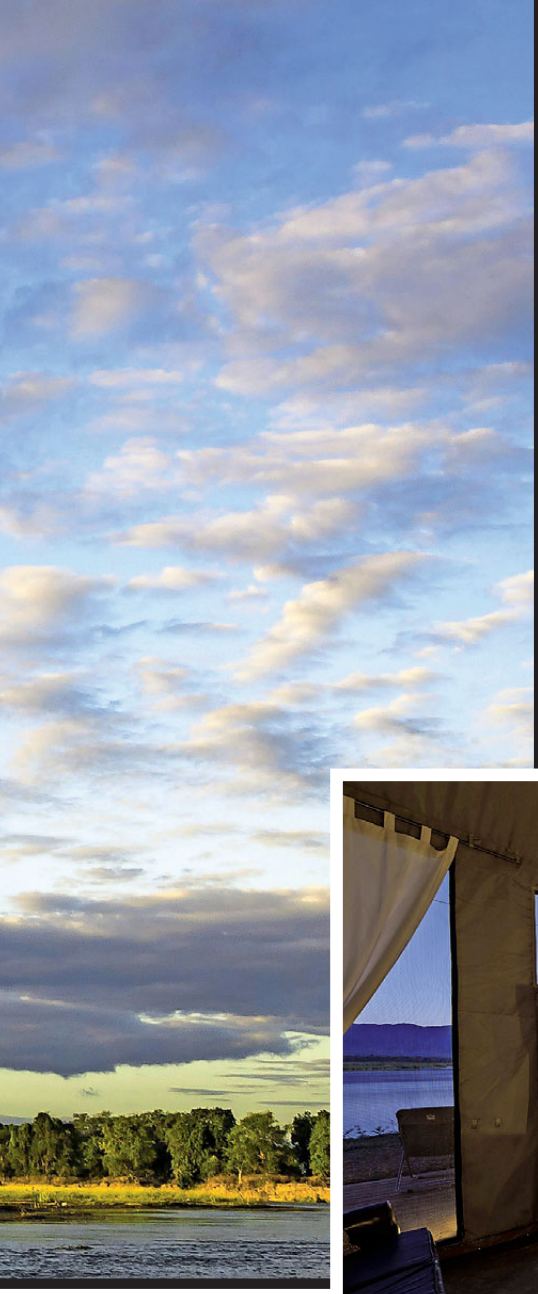
Back at the luxurious club, we headed over to The Boma restaurant for an unforgettable evening of interactive African entertainment (Amakwezi traditional dancers, drumming, face painting, fortune telling) and an equisite Zimbabwean supper, not to be missed.

The following day we left Victoria Falls and flew to Hwange National Park. The drop in temperature had us all reaching for the blankets and ponchos our guide, Tendai from Wilderness Safaris, had thoughtfully packed for us in the open 4x4. As Africa is in the Southern Hemisphere, it was winter while we were there in June, but nothing prepared us for the how cold it became during our stay at Davison's Camp.

On our first game drive we struck safari gold, spotting a pack of African wild dogs

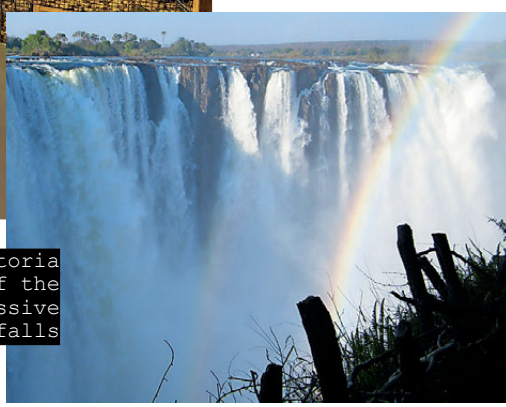
On our first afternoon game drive we struck safari gold, spotting a pack of African wild dogs frolicking in the bush. These endangered canines were a sight to behold — a fellow guest admitted that, despite being on safari eight times already this year, he was yet to see one.

Tendai's expertise tracked down an impressive list of animals including large herds of elephant, giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, gnu, water buffalo, impala, eland, waterbuck, and a pride of lions. We also tracked down a mating pair of lions, who had broken away from the pride to procreate. On a night drive we spotted African wild cats and shared the road with the pride, quietly admiring the cute cubs. Later that night, an almighty noise woke me from my slumber. We were sleeping in tented rooms (Davison's is an Adventure Camp), so you're close to the action. That night, we couldn't have been closer. The pride of lions chased a herd of around 100 buffalo through camp and past where I was lying in bed. It was terrifying, until I realised the lions weren't interested in me, safely tucked away in the tent. In case of an emergency you have an air



See big cats in the wild while on safari

The luxury tented rooms at Ruckomechi Camp look out on the Zambezi River



The magnificent Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls

horn next to your bed (in the bush there are no telephones, mobile reception or wifi) but fortunately no one had to use it while we were there. While the bush experience won't be to everyone's tastes, it was exciting and exhilarating to me. In the morning, we caught up with our lions feasting on their kill. The cubs no longer cute; a gory circle of life.

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to Tendai, John and Shayne (who looked after us brilliantly) and the team at Davison's. From here we flew to Mana Pools for the final leg of our stay, via a pit stop at Little Makalolo, a luxe neighbour to Davison's in Hwange.

Ruckomechi Camp in the Zambezi Valley's Mana Pools National Park is a Classic Camp (like Little Makalolo). The tented rooms here are larger and more luxurious than Davison's, and come complete with en-suite bathrooms and views of the Zambezi river.

Our guide in Mana Pools was Chris, who took us out on a canoe safari as well as game drives. We were safari experts by now. In addition to elephants, buffalo and impala, we saw pods of hippos (getting up close and personal with them and crocodiles while out on the canoe), as well as fascinating and rare birds, including birds of prey. Back at camp, sitting in Ruckomechi's communal area sharing stories around the open fire was a wonderful way to relax. 'Adventure finds you,' concluded manager Elizabeth after hearing about our action-packed safari. It certainly did, and we loved it.

TRIP NOTES

Mahlatini offer a five-night stay in Zimbabwe staying 1 night at **Africa Albida Victoria Falls Safari Club** (Bed & Breakfast), 2 nights at **Wilderness Safaris Davison's Camp** and 2 nights at **Wilderness Safaris Ruckomechi Camp** on an all-inclusive basis (food, beverages (excluding premium brands), accommodation, selected activities and light aircraft transfers) from £2,550 per person (Based on 2014 rates). **South African Airways** fly daily from London Heathrow to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe (travelling via Johannesburg) from £960 per person. For your bespoke safari to Botswana contact **Mahlatini Luxury Travel, mahlatini.com;** +44 (0)28 9073 6050).

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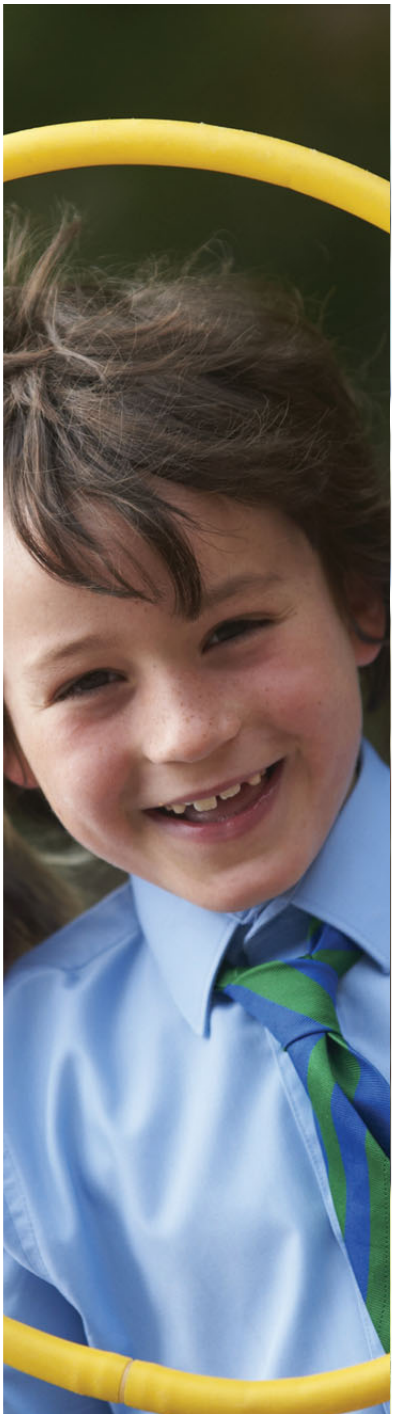

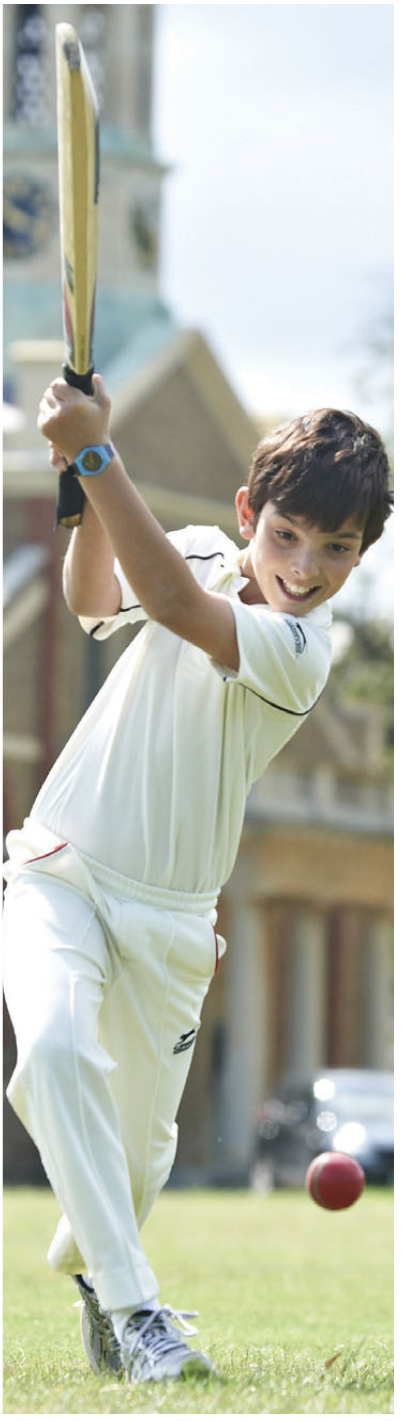

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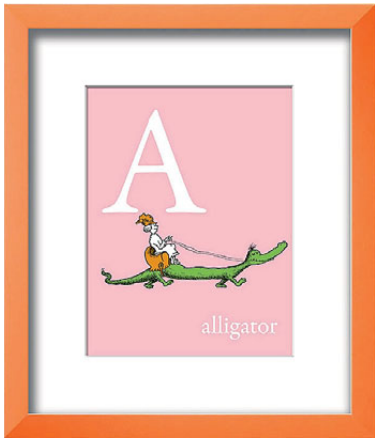

Quite a character

Lost Dr Seuss stories are being republished this autumn, much to the delight of adults and children alike. The new book, *Horton and the Kwuggerbug and More Lost Stories*, resurrects four of Seuss's lost tales. To mark the occasion, Art.co.uk have released a range of new prints featuring the Dr, as well as some of the book's other much-loved characters. With bold colours and variety of stylish frames to choose from, they'll look good in children's rooms from nursery age right up to teenage.

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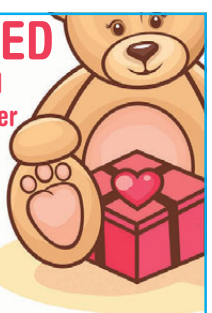

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Retirees David and Briony Barron moved from a large house in Putney to a three-bedroom flat in the Riverside Quarter. It 'feels like a real neighbourhood', comments David, who particularly enjoys 'doing my lengths with stunning views over the Thames – the raised ground-level swimming pool is a real novelty'.

The tallest building at the development so far, the 15-storey Five Riverside will comprise 99 apartments, with prices from £475,000.

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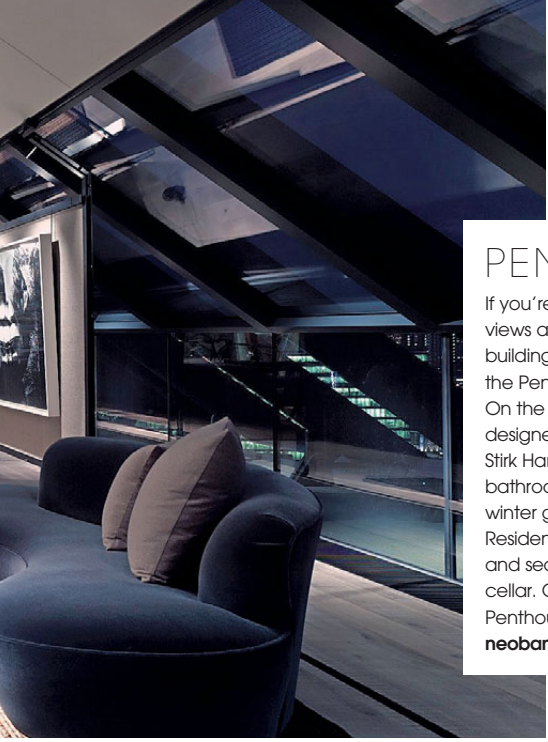

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If you're looking for the wow factor and triple aspect views across London's skyline, taking in landmark buildings such as the Shard, St Paul's and the Gherkin, the Penthouse at NEO Bankside delivers in spades. On the 10th floor, the duplex features an interior designed by Studio Reed and architecture by Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, with four bedrooms, four bathrooms and two reception rooms as well as a winter garden and two roof terraces.
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neobankside.com

ROOM WITH A VIEW

If you're converting a basement with no windows or view and need ideas for giving the effect of natural light, take a look at this clever 'living wall'. Part of a refurbishment in a small mews home behind Eaton Square, it brings the outside in, even when there is no outside! The house has been remodelled by Roselind Wilson Design and features an open-plan first floor sitting room and opulent master bedroom and marble bathroom. It's for sale for £5.45m through Knight Frank.

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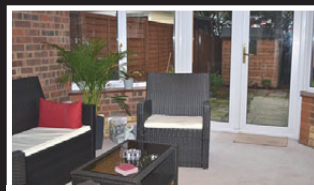
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MY DREAM HOME

With beautiful river views, this modern apartment in Twickenham offers something for everyone

The open-plan kitchen/reception room is the perfect space for entertaining

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David Bell, Director, Winkworth Richmond

Why it's a great buy

A beautifully presented three bedroom flat of some 1,089 sq ft, this is a great buy for several reasons. It's located on the third floor, so offers fantastic unspoilt river views, and also benefits from off-street gated underground parking.

The wow factor

Undoubtedly the truly magnificent river views from the reception room and balcony make it the perfect setting for hosting friends and family.

Who it would suit

The apartment would suit many buyers, from professionals to families and would easily suit an International buyer looking for a 'lock-up-and-leave' property. Teddington station is merely minutes away offering a service into London whilst London Heathrow is just under seven miles away.

My favourite room

The open-plan kitchen/reception room with doors leading onto the balcony makes it the highlight of the apartment, however the master double bedroom with en-suite shower room offers great space and layout too.

Why you should buy it

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TWICKENHAM, TW1 GUIDE PRICE £2,000,000 FREEHOLD

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RICHMOND, TW9 £900,000 LEASEHOLD

A beautifully presented Victorian house that has been the subject of an extensive renovation programme offering three double bedrooms, double reception room with twin fireplaces, and newly fitted kitchen dining room leading out to a rear garden. Circa 1259 sq ft (116.94 Sq m) EPC rating C.

TEDDINGTON, TW11 £899,950 LEASEHOLD

This stunning modern apartment facing the River Thames with delightful views offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms and two balconies as well allocated underground parking. The property is also within easy reach of Teddington station. Circa 1089 sq ft (101 sq m) EPC rating B.

KEW RIVERSIDE, TW9 £895,000 LEASEHOLD

The use of a swimming pool and a spacious gym come with this well presented top floor three double bedroom penthouse apartment. This particular unit also has the very rare bonus of two underground parking spaces and three storage units. Circa 1190 sq ft (111 sq m) EPC rating C.

RICHMOND, TW10 £625,000 LEASEHOLD

A stunning two bedroom, two bathroom, top floor conversion flat with vaulted ceiling and the bonus of a loft platform offering great storage and more! At the rear a communal garden offers a place to relax on those Summer evenings. Circa 703 sq ft (65 sq m) EPC rating D.

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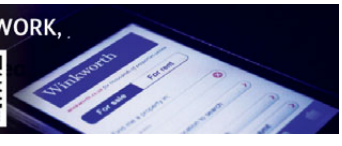

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RICHMOND HILL, TW10 £4,250 PER CALENDAR MONTH

Offering both character and modern bathrooms this well presented three bedroom period house can be found on the slopes of Richmond Hill close to local amenities and schools. Also with parking for one car. Circa 1555 sq ft (144 sq m) EPC rating F.

HAM COMMON, TW10 £4,000 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A beautiful four bedroom cottage overlooking Ham Common. The property comprises of a stunning large courtyard with fountain, and double reception room with wooden floors. Ideal for the German School. Circa 2145 sq ft including use of the double garage (199 sq m). EPC rating F.

OLD ISLEWORTH, TW7 £3,990 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A five bedroom modern townhouse with a private garden and two balconies, within a secure gated development, with off street parking and a garage. Circa 1738 sq ft (161.4 sq m) EPC rating C.

ST MARGARETS, TW1 £1,600 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A character first floor two double bedroom Edwardian maisonette with small balcony in a requested tree lined street offering easy access to St Margaret's station, shops and Cole Park. Circa 947 sq ft (88 sq m) EPC rating C.

RICHMOND, TW9 £1,450 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A newly renovated character lower ground garden flat set in quiet residential street within minutes walk to Richmond tube station and town centre. The flat has sole access to a large rear garden and also comes with an off street parking space. Circa 430 sq ft (40 sq m) EPC rating D.

RICHMOND HILL, TW10 £1,450 PER CALENDAR MONTH

Situated on Richmond Hill with a private balcony offering far reaching views over Richmond Riverside and beyond this spacious character first floor flat has an 18' reception room with floorboards, double bedroom with wardrobe space as well as excellent storage throughout. Circa 635 sq ft (59 sq m) EPC rating D.

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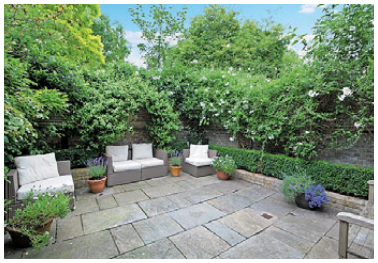

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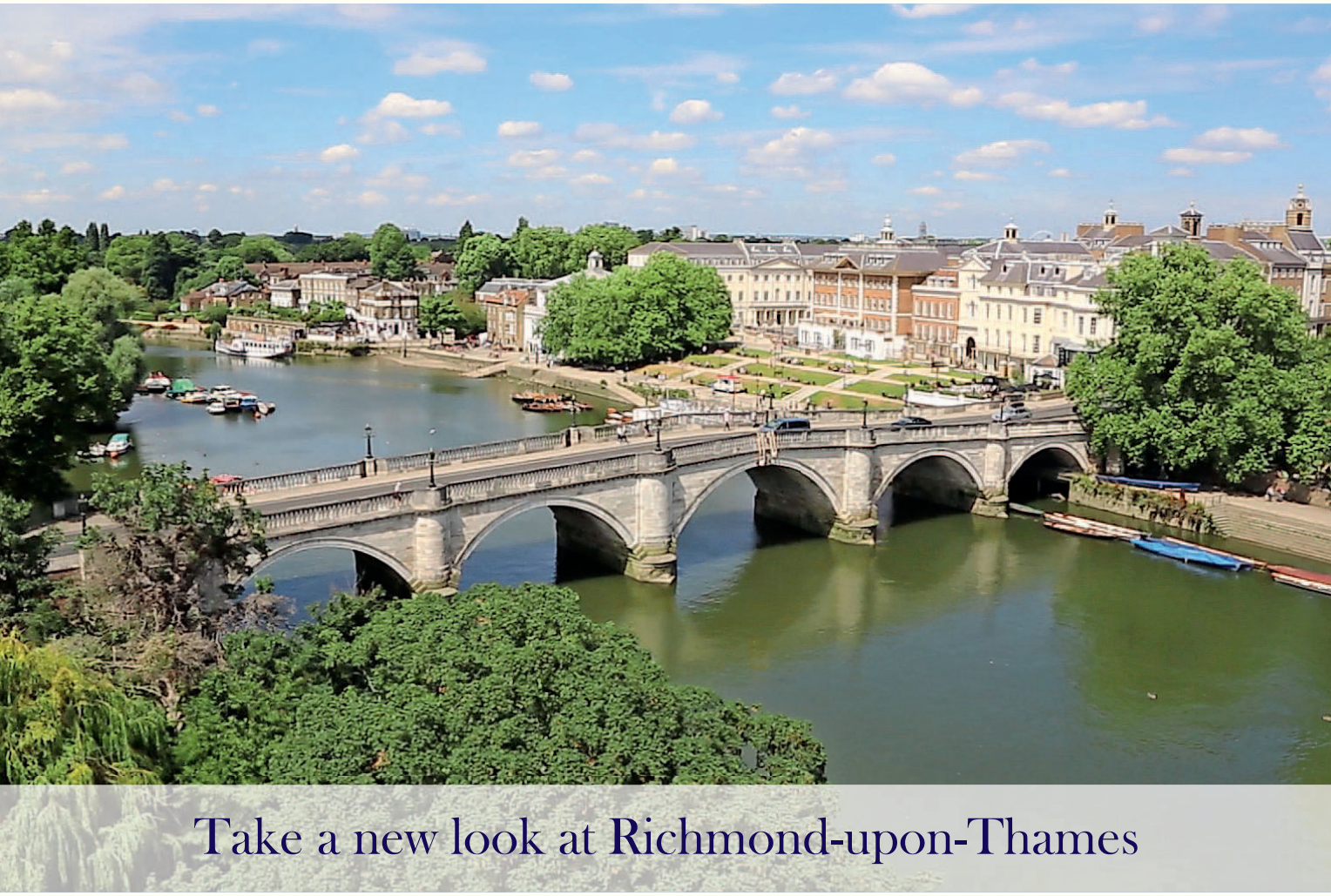

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